(a) whether there is any provision/direction to provide facility of free bed roll (one blanket,two sheets, one pillow and one towel) in trains to Members of Parliament;

(b) whether the same facility is also provided to the companions of the Members of Parliament; and

(c) whether the Government also propose to provide the same facility to the freedom fighters and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Except where bed roll charges are included in the fare.

(c) does not arise.

Direct Train from Gaya to Madras

6513. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to introduce a direct train from Gaya junction to Madras or to extend train running between Madras and Bokaro upto Gaya; and

(b) if so, when and if not,the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to operational and resource constraints.

[*English*]

Time Bound Promotions for Railway Employees

6514.SHRI LALIT ORAON.Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) the criteria for time bound promotion in category-I, II, III and IV in the Indian Railways, separately;

(b) whether there is no provision of time bound promotion in category III and IV whereas such provision exists for category-I;

(c) whether employees in category IV under N.E. Railway, eastern railway and N.F.Railway are working in the same pay-scale for the last twenty years;

(d) whether the government propose to make provision of time bound promotion in category III and IV of all the Railways; and

(e) if so, by what time and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). There is no provision for time bound promotion in any group of Indian Railways.

(c)There are some cases where promotion could not be made due to unsuitability or for want of vacancies.

(d) No, Sir,

(e) This depends upon the general policy of the Government and Railways cannot take a unilateral decision.

[*Translation*]

Houses for Tehri Dam Project Oustees

6515. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will be the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether large number of houses are being constructed for the rehabilitation of the Tehri Dam Project oustees,